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Plant will close, 175 jobs feared lost

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

About 175 workers at a Romulus technical and manufacturing center, GKN Sinter Metals, face the possibility of unemployment following a decision to close the plant.

GKN, based in Auburn Hills, will close the facility at 8111 Middlebelt Road sometime this year, said Larry Weiss, a spokesperson for the company. No specific closing date has been determined.

Along with the Romulus plant, the company will close two other Michigan facilities in Zeeland and Owosso, according to a statement released by the firm.

The Romulus facility, which manufactures metal rods for use in the automotive industry, was especially vulnerable because it serves GM and DaimlerChrysler, both of which are cutting back orders.

"Both the company and the union have reviewed financial operations at the plant for several years," said Weiss. "The plant has

seen a pullback in customer orders, and I think that's the primary reason it was slated for closure. It was never an issue of outsourcing the work overseas - it was a drop in customer orders," Weiss said.

Weiss said there is a possibility that some technical positions could be moved to other plants - but he's unsure how many of those jobs would be retained. He also said the work the plant is currently committed to would likely take place at other plants in the Midwest. GKN operates 14 facilities.

Automotive woes - and increased global competition from Asia and other parts of the world - are having a devastating effect on small parts suppliers in the United States. Weiss would not say if the Romulus plant's main customers - GM, DaimlerChrysler, American Axle Manufacturing, and Allison Transmission - asked GKN to lower their prices, citing confidentiality agreements.

He did concede that manufacturers like GKN face serious times, however.

"There are enormous pressures (to con-

trol costs)," he said.

He also said the fact that all three plants slated for closure are in Michigan is not because of the complex state business policies.

"It's really about pressure in the automotive industry," he said. "I don't think anyone can pin this on the state."

Though the loss of another manufacturer is a blow to a state that has already lost 175,000 manufacturing jobs during the past five years, the City of Romulus has been very stable in terms of keeping its auto-related businesses.

Councilman William Crova said he did not know the specifics of the closing, but said he fears for the fate of the residents who may work there or at any other small manufacturer, given the current economic climate.

"I think we all fear a slow down in the automotive industry, and I fear every day for those people and their jobs," he said. "It could be devastating for them, obviously."

2 incumbents, 1 challenger seek election

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Staff Writer

The deadline for filing nominating petitions for the two available seats on the Romulus Board of Education is rapidly approaching.

Romulus City Clerk Linda Choate said petitions - complete with 40 verifiable signatures from registered voters, or a \$100 filing fee - are due at her office no later than 4 p.m. on Feb. 7. Choate said it's advisable to file as soon as possible.

"The 4 p.m. deadline means there will not be any late petitions or fees collected," she said. "We also tell candidates to obtain more than 40 signatures, in case some of them cannot be verified."

The school election will be on Tuesday, May 2.

So far, the two incumbent board members and one challenger have filed to serve on the school board for a four-year term, said Choate.

Board trustees Ken Mientkiewicz and Celeste Roscoe - both of whom are finishing a first term - have filed petitions, along with challenger Danielle Funderbird. Choate said many others have obtained petitions.

Mientkiewicz said he is seeking reelection because the district is going through many



To protect and serve

Three new police officers were sworn in by Romulus Mayor Alan Lambert Jan. 23. LaBrit Jackson, Eric Harris and Jeremy Channells (shown here with Mayor Alan Lambert) took the pledge to serve and protect the citizens of Romulus. Each officer had family present who showed plenty of pride at their accomplishment. The officers will join the 58-man department and will patrol under the supervision of command officers. After their induction, Lambert said, "We are honored to have three people who are so dedicated join the Romulus police force."

Injunction is terminated in well case

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

The reprieve was over before it began.

Romulus and some neighboring communities were surprised to learn that Environmental Disposal Systems (EDS), a company that operates a hazardous waste deep well in the city, Sun Oil, which filed a lawsuit against EDS, and the State of Michigan have agreed to terminate a temporary injunction that would have allowed parties not involved in the lawsuit to air their grievances about the project.

It's just amazing that no matter where we go or what we do, there's no one that wants to hear our side of this.

Neil Silver

District Court Judge Cynthia Stevens issued the injunction last week with an expiration date of Thursday, Jan. 26, but

the agreement between EDS and Sun Oil was reached before a hearing took place. Had it remained in place, the injunction would have given city officials an opportunity to plead their case.

Neil Silver, an attorney retained by the cities of Romulus and Taylor, said he was "deeply disappointed" about the development.

"It's just amazing that no matter where we go or what we do, there's no one that wants to hear our side of this," he said. "And the people that live in the

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Sumpter prepares for loss of Belleville dispatch

Andrea King
Staff Writer

Sumpter Township officials are preparing to manage an emergency dispatch system while they await the final decision of Belleville officials regarding revoking the current Central Dispatch Network (CDN) agreement for police services. Belleville officials have indicated that they will enter into a new agreement with Van Buren Township to combine police dispatch services.

According to Melvin Turner, police chief for Sumpter Township, the tentative plans to house dispatch services for the township depend on the final word from the City of Belleville officials.

"We're proceeding as if notice has been given by Belleville to end the CDN agreement, but we're still waiting to see what their final decision is," he said. "I have seen nothing from Van Buren yet about them accepting their (Belleville) services."

The three communities have been discussing the CDN transfer of dispatch and lock-up services for some time, but recent developments have indicated that certain changes must be made before Belleville can switch to Van Buren Township dispatch. Concerns include the 911 service, radio frequencies and the city municipal building emergency phone.

Belleville officials still need to determine if any of these changes will take longer than 90 days to implement so notice to withdraw from CDN will coordinate with the changes, according to City Manager Steve Walters.

"We're proceeding with the assumption that we're done talking about cost-sharing with Sumpter Township so now we're checking out the practical things to coordinate with us and Van Buren Township," he said.

Recently, Belleville City Council members approved a request to the CDN Board of Control to enter into negotiations with the Police Officers Labor Council to reach an agreement on the process for terminating the CDN operation and the union contract.

Ken Voight, a police officer for Belleville, represented the Police Officers Association at the last city council meeting. He said he was not in favor of the action taken by the city.

"My understanding is that we'll stay on the same radio frequency. I conducted a test recently and the tower is located so far that they couldn't hear me," Voight said. "There are times when we have to rely on that prep-radio and when I keyed up the mic all I got was static. That's a major issue and there are a lot of loose ends that need to be tidied up," Voight said.

Now, CDN will most likely again see another dramatic change as policing equipment could be moved out of Belleville and into Sumpter Township.

The resolution to withdraw from CDN will be considered at the Feb. 21 Belleville City Council meeting, but the timetable is unclear, Walters said.

"The earliest that Belleville will be with Van Buren Township for police services is June," said Walters.

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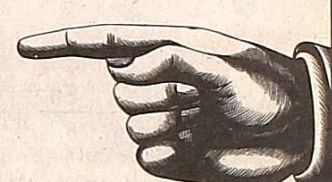
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New Arrival

Garrett Joseph Darnell

Aaron and Tracy Darnell of Midland, formerly of Romulus, became the parents of a son, Garrett Joseph, born Sept. 24.

The infant weighed 1 pound, 10 ounces at birth and measured 12 ½ inches in length. A triplet, he survives his brothers, Kiernan Layne and Reegan Kendall.

Maternal grandmother of the new arrival is Bridget Holt of Belleville, formerly of Romulus.

Paternal grandparents are Ralph and Kathy



Garrett Joseph Darnell

Vanvalkenburg of Belleville and Jim Darnell of California.

Great-grandmother of the baby is Shirley Straub of Belleville.

Relay for Life meeting set

Area residents can learn more about how they can fight back against cancer Feb. 15, during the kickoff party for the Relay for Life of Westland. The party will take place from 6:30-8 p.m. at Papa Joe's Bar and Grill.

Each summer, Westland joins communities throughout the world in hosting Relay for Life events, which serve to remember those who have succumbed to the disease, celebrate those who have survived it, and as a fundraiser to benefit the American Cancer Society to help fund their research into finding better treatments and, ultimately, cures.

This year, the Relay for Life of Westland event will take place June 10-11 in Central City Park. The focal point of the annual event is the 24-hour walk, during which volunteers circle the track to raise money, but opportunities to participate will also be available for those who aren't interested in joining a team and walking.

For more information or to R.S.V.P. for the kickoff party, contact Jennifer McFarlane at (248) 483-4343 or via email at Jennifer.McFarlane@cancer.org. Papa Joe's is located at 34275 Ford Road near the Wildwood Road intersection.

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Ka-ching!

Romulus High School students learned quite a bit about how to secure dollars for college when University of Michigan Financial Aid Director Pam Fowler (second from left) and her assistant LaNorris Alexander (left) presented helpful hints. Here, they are joined by Liza Mockeridge, LaToya Shackelford, Florence Satterlee and Principal Dan Hurst.

Population increases amid new home construction

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Staff Writer

Efforts to lure more people to the City of Romulus through new home construction seems to be working for the city, at least according to the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG).

Population numbers released in a report entitled "Population and Household Estimates for Southeast Michigan, January 2006" show that the city has seen a modest increase in the number of residents. In September 2005, the Romulus population reached 24,050 people, up from 22,979 in 2000. That indicates a

4.2 percent jump in the number of people living in the city.

It also places Romulus among only 14 more rural suburbs with growing populations, like Sumpter Township, Canton Township, Van Buren Township and Brownstown Township.

There are 43 municipalities in Wayne County, most of which have seen a slight reduction in population. When there's fewer residents, there's often a loss in tax base, which isn't exactly music to the ears of city officials.

Mayor Alan Lambert said the city has done a good job attracting residents.

"We've been building up the city, particularly with residential

development, and that shows in the amount of taxes being paid," he said. "But beyond that, we've listened to what people wanted and we've made the city a better place to live."

Wayne County did not fair as well. Since the 2000 census, the county has lost 57,438 residents – or 2.7 percent of the total population. In 2000, 2,061,162 people lived in the county, compared to 2,003,724 in 2005.

Having better housing stock might have helped Romulus. Since 2003, the city has been on a residential building blitz – about 1,000 new homes have been constructed, and more are on the way.

Prior to the first new home project, it was difficult to lure builders and developers because there was no coordinated effort to bring new construction to the city, and some blight was beginning to set in, officials said.

Wayne County communities that saw the biggest increase in population growth were Brownstown Township and Northville Township, which increased their residency by 25.9 percent and 23.3 percent respectively.

The two that saw the biggest departure rate are Detroit, which lost 6.6 percent of residents, and Garden City, which lost 5.6 percent.

Election - Administrative changes drive re-election bids of board members

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changes, and he feels his background in education is an asset to the board.

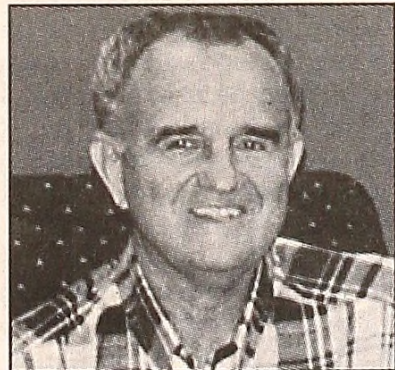
"I think we're at a crucial juncture right now, and I believe that my experience will help us make some of the decisions we need to make. We have all of these retirements, we're looking for a new superintendent of schools, and we still need a personnel director. I think I know enough about all to make good selections."

Roscoe also said she thinks I would a mistake to make changes on the board at this time.

"The main reason I wanted to

run again is to make sure everything is running smoothly," she said. "We're looking for a new superintendent, and we're going through changes at headquarters. We're also going through continued financial changes, and I've learned a lot about how to handle those things in the last four years."

Mientkiewicz is a retired guidance counselor who worked for many years in the Wayne-Westland school district. He first taught a Cherry Hill High School in Inkster, when it was part of the Wayne-Westland district, and later became a counselor. He then moved on to Wayne Memorial High School, and even-



Ken Mientkiewicz

tually to John Glenn High School, where he was the supervisor of the guidance program.

Roscoe works in the accounting department of Detroit Automatic Tooling in Romulus.

Attempts to reach challenger



Celeste Roscoe

Danielle Funderbird were unsuccessful.

Petitions for the election can be picked up at the clerk's office, which is in the basement of city hall, at 11111 Wayne Road. The office is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Well - Injunction issue doesn't affect lawsuit brought by Sun Oil Co. against well

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area are the ones that will be most affected by this."

The EDS facility on Citrin Road near I-94 will treat up to 400,000 gallons of liquid waste per day. The company license indicates it can store 11,000 gallons of waste from containers, 93,000 gallons in tanker vehicles and another 237,000 in tanks.

Sun Oil filed a lawsuit last month that challenged the safety of the EDS project. Sun Oil has flammable liquids stored on a nearby site. Wayne County joined the suit and is not a part of the most recent agreement.

But the fight may not be over. Silver said that both the cities of Romulus and Taylor will look at other ways to stave off permanent operation of the well.

"We're looking at individual property rights," he said. "There may be a way that we can file on their behalf. It's not over yet."

The lawsuit between Sun Oil and EDS, however, is not affected by the status of the injunction, and will proceed through the courts.

Many officials have their last hope for the closure of the facility pinned on the lawsuit, but court rulings have generally favored the well operators.

The deep well is actually a rock that is 4,500 feet below the surface of the earth and acts as a sponge to absorb liquid waste. The waste will be trucked in from several areas, including Canada. Treatment of the waste at the Citrin Road facility will take place at an above-ground facility and, once treated, waste will be injected underground into the rock.

Several studies have indicated that the technology is generally safe.

The long legal battle began 15 years ago, and has cost Romulus \$1 million in legal fees. Last month the Michigan Depart-

ment of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) dealt the city and the effort to oppose the well a blow by granting EDS a permit to allow the company to operate the injection well.

Silver said that the ongoing lawsuit between Sun Oil and EDS is still the best chance of stopping the well – which is going to be a difficult task.

"We still have some things that we can do," he said. "Wayne County's motion to intervene could also help."

EDS representatives did not return calls seeking comment. Sun Oil representative were unreachable for comment.

Calendar of events

Library brings back story time

Pre-school story time will be at the Romulus Public Library at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesdays from Feb. 14 to March 21.

The second session, which will be at 10:30 a.m. Wednesdays, begins Feb. 15 and will continue until March 22.

Story time is for children between the ages of 3 to 5 years old.

The library is located at 11121 Wayne Road, next door to city hall. For more information about story time or other programs, call (734) 942-7589.

King program begins Feb. 16

To commemorate Black History Month, the Romulus Public Library is hosting an information session about Civil Rights Pioneer Dr. Martin Luther King at 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 16.

A lecture will take place about Dr. King's life and his past and present impact on civil rights issues. The guest speaker will be Rudy Baker, a local historian.

For more information about story time or other programs, call (734) 942-7589.

Grieving residents offered support

Persons suffering with the loss of a loved one are invited to attend "Griefshare" seminars at the Romulus Wesleyan Church from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursdays.

The church is located at 37300 Goddard Road in Romulus.

Details about Griefshare's programs and events are available online at www.griefshare.org.

For more information, call the church at (734) 941-1511.

Mother-son dance scheduled

The Romulus Department of Recreation will host the annual mother son dance from 6:30-8:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 8, at the Romulus High School cafeteria again this year.

At the dance, mothers and sons will be able to have a photograph taken, and each mother will receive a flower. Dancing, music and refreshments will be available.

The cost for the event is \$8 per couple, and an additional \$2 per son. Tickets must be purchased in advance.

Pre-registration is required. Payment and registration must be made by noon Feb. 6.

For more information, call (734) 941-8665.

OPINION

Help thy neighbor

It looks like the ongoing matter of a warming center to help out the homeless in Westland will be resolved the benefit of everyone.

The center, based in the Full Gospel Temple, will be allowed to reopen this month.

It had been in relative limbo since last October, when the City of Westland Zoning Board ordered the church to shut down the soup kitchen it operates five days per week. The board also prohibited the church from opening the warming center it traditionally operated from January through March.

Residents who lived near the structure first brought it to the attention of the city. They claimed the facility placed their families and homes at risk and the board responded, saying the uses violated city zoning ordinances.

Within days, the church received permission to reopen the soup kitchen, but the warming center issue lingered as officials worked toward a solution.

They found it in existing case law, which said the zoning board didn't necessarily have a legal right to close down the warming center in the first place.

Oops.

No matter what path the city took toward this end, the decision is ultimately the right one. Officials now need to concentrate on making good on the promises each side has made as they worked toward this resolution: working with other churches to ensure these disenfranchised people stay off the streets and out of neighborhoods and working to provide long-term solutions to help these people rejoin productive society.

Westland has a history of helping out people in need; it's seen at the Dorsey Community Center, through programs like the Wayne-based Veteran's Haven. Now they can add another feather to this laudable hat.

It also brings into focus the frequent dichotomy between what we say and what we do. Governments should find way to help people in these types of situations, not rely on ordinances to put up obstacles for others willing to help out.

Hopefully the nearby residents learned something about themselves, too. While it's difficult to criticize someone who wants to protect their home and family, it's clear that we may need to find more compassionate ways to do that.

Nobody would argue about the need to help out the homeless, after all.

Speech was all hat, no cattle

It must be difficult to be overwhelmingly optimistic and defiant during a time of well-publicized economic hardship.

That's the role Gov. Jennifer Granholm took last week during her State of the State address. She talked about a Michigan that we all know and love, a place where middle class Americans can adequately provide for their families, afford to look after the health of themselves and their families, put something away for retirement and still find time to spend time at the lake, smelling the white pine trees.

It's a laudable goal, particularly at a time when, in her own words: "Many fear that good life is slipping away in Michigan as our economy faces unprecedented challenge."

That's an easy sentence to acknowledge here in Wayne, where less than a mile away two major Ford plants are still in operation, although under the specter of rumors that are continually swirling.

Still, there was plenty to like about Granholm's speech: her concentration on diversifying and growing the economy, seeking alternative energy sources – although the ones she outlined seemed more supplemental rather than complete alternatives to fossil fuels – and a focus to slash bureaucracy and support education.

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Now is the best time for action

The timing of the final presentation from Andrews University works both for and against the Wayne City Council.

At first glance, it happened early enough for the council members and city administrators to factor in some of the proposals for their annual budget preparation. The speech and the slides came a few weeks before the council goal setting sessions, which essentially outlined a wish list from the various department heads in the city.

That presentation was relatively brief, though, and in no way summed up the whole body of work performed by the class of architect and design students throughout the course of the last semester. That will come in the final document they prepare, which the city has not received yet. That may take as long as 60 days to come to city officials, who will then want some time to read through it. That puts the timetable back a few months, obviously, perhaps sometime in April, which is beginning to hedge in on the budget timeline.

I've mentioned in the past that city council action on this proposal probably won't happen fast enough for me and I don't want to give the impression that everything in the report – which I haven't seen yet, either – is golden or that the city should immediately pounce on it as Wayne's salvation.

That being said, I don't think it's necessary to wait 3-5 years to act on it, like members of the Wayne 2020 Committee heard last week or worry about what may happen at Ford Motor Co. six years from now. Even if they close – something I'm going on record right now as predicting being unlikely –

the company will still have to pay taxes on the land. The revenue stream doesn't vanish, it just shrinks a little, assuming they strip the plant of all the equipment. Besides, why bank on negativity when you can plan for something positive?

As an argument, you could probably rely on the old standby phrase of fiduciary responsibility. That's a fancy way to say being careful for the way we spend our money. It's a good goal, don't get me wrong, it would just sound kind of strange from a city that has very recently overpaid for property near the police station. Money for any of these projects will come from the Downtown Development Authority (DDA), anyway. It's not like anyone will have to approach the taxpayers and explain to them why their property taxes are going into the downtown. This is money that's earmarked to improve the downtown.

The brief presentation last month showed some common thoughts, too, things that can be investigated before the final project comes in – or at least during this budget year.

Take the Elizabeth Street proposal, for instance. That street is scheduled for a streetscape improvement this year. The Andrews University crew said it's wide enough to develop into a boulevard and still allow or on street parallel parking. It could be a focal point of the downtown area. So why not put off the streetscape for a year and, in the meantime, do a cost analysis or feasibility study on that? One year

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Super Bowl bound – if I can get there

I think it is a dream of every sports reporter, in a small market or big, to be able to obtain the single most coveted item for what is easily considered the biggest sporting event in the world and of the year—a press pass to the Super Bowl.

With some groveling pleading and, frankly, some unrelenting begging, I was able to secure a single pass—a ticket for one—to the big game on Feb. 5. Actually I just filled out a simple form and before I knew it I was Super Bowl bound. They did, however, want 12 forms of identification—all with pictures—my mother's maiden name and my pet's name and birthdate. I couldn't believe it was so easy.

I've been to Ford Field only a few times in the past and I have to say it is a first-class and beautiful facility. I do find it funny that the Fords used rubber from shredded defective and recalled Firestone tires for the artificial field turf when the stadium was built. It's only funny because they tried to use one failure to overcome another—their Detroit Lions. Two wrongs don't make a right.

I've seen the Detroit Lions there on a few occasions. I went the first time to see the new stadium in its inaugural season. I went the second time to see Minnesota's Dante Culpepper and Randy Moss.

It will be a welcome change to see TWO good teams take to Ford Field on Sunday.

I take that back. I did have the opportunity to see Canton High School play Rockford in the Class A state championship game last November. It was a great game on both teams' part.

The Pittsburgh Steelers and the Seattle Seahawks will take to the field this Super Bowl Sunday. Detroit's upper echelon, world-class business moguls, famous celebrities and a few lucky radio contest winners will converge on the city to watch. They'll fill up area hotels, eat at neighborhood restaurants and party at clubs right in our own back yards, making this the biggest celebrity event this state has ever seen since the 1982 Super Bowl in Pontiac and the 1984 World Series.

And I get to be there—right in the middle of it all. I don't mean to rub it in, but while I have your attention... na-na, na-na, na, na!

But before you get too excited...better yet, before I get too carried away and you get too jealous, let me

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by Scott Spielman

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by Jeff Novak

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Police beat

Township man caught after bank robbery

A 29-year-old Van Buren Township man was arrested Monday morning after he was caught robbing the Bank One, located at 2025 on Rawsonville Road in the township.

According to Gerry Champagne, public safety director for Van Buren Township, the suspect was caught on foot at about 9:44 a.m. on Jan. 30.

Champagne said the suspect went into the bank and handed the teller a note announcing it was a

robbery. He then jumped over the counter and took \$6,000 in cash. The suspect fled the scene in a gray GMC minivan and headed eastbound on I-94. The man was first spotted by an animal control officer from the township, Champagne said, then shortly after

by other Van Buren Township officers.

Police followed the man to Wayne Road in Romulus then into a subdivision on Michelle Street. The suspect tried to get away by running on foot, but was caught by Ofc. Ken Toney of the Van Buren

Township Police Department.

The stolen money was recovered, according to police, along with the suspect's vehicle, which was stolen from Detroit.

The suspect was taken into custody. No charges have been filed yet.

Plan

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won't mean a lot in the grand scheme of things and, if possible, it'll make that project that much more attractive. If not, the city can say: we looked at that, it's too expensive or what have you. At least people will know they're doing something.

I don't believe all aspects of the proposal are feasible. I don't think the plan, as a whole, is a 'make or break' for the city, either. I do think, though, that the city should take a look at the practical parts of it and act on them sooner rather than later.

Game

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explain some of the downfalls of the whole thing and why I might be better off at home.

First off, I applied for more than one pass in order for my colleagues to go but the NFL only allotted *The Journal Newspapers* one. So that means I have to go by myself—not exactly what I had in mind.

But I still get to go. Right?

Second, although it is true that I get to see the game live, I will more than likely be confined to a room to watch it on monitors with a radio and television producers. Yeah, for reasons I can't comprehend, the NFL assigned me what's called a 'Post Game Press Pass' that will apparently put a newspaper guy (me) in a closed room to watch the game on TELEVISIONS with guys probably named Sal or Jerry or something else producer-like.

But I'll still be there, though. I think...if I can get there.

And third, logistics will be hell. Transportation is sure to be difficult with just about all of the major roads in downtown Detroit and even a few of the expressways around Ford Field closed off. Some of the closures won't even be announced until the day-of for

security purposes. By this I mean nobody will know that particular road is closed until they attempt to go down it.

But there's a back-up plan. A lot of the media personnel are booked at hotels in Livonia and will be shipped via bus to the game. I could also hitch a ride, but...

I live in Dearborn, which for those who don't know is a lot closer to Detroit than Livonia. So technically I would have to drive from home to a hotel I'm not staying at in Livonia and take a bus to Detroit. It could actually prove the best way to go, avoiding traffic, and at least I'll get there.

Going to the Super Bowl and getting to the Super Bowl are two different things but it's being there that is the most important. Right? All I can say is: I'm as happy as a pigskin in mud just to be able to go.

So while the majority of you will be sitting comfortably at home disappointed by the highly anticipated commercials and counting how many times the announcers refer to this year's game (Super Bowl XL) as "Extra Large," I'll be asking Sal to pass the nachos and telling Jerry to hand over the remote to see what else is on.

I hope they at least have comfortable chairs.

Speech

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Of course, these are the kinds of things that all politicians talk about when they want to pump up the citizenry. They're feel-good topics, things everyone wants to hear. Putting them into motion is a much more difficult task.

Take for instance, her idea to bring health care to more than half a million residents who wouldn't otherwise be eligible or able to afford it. That's certainly nothing anybody would argue about but it can only be an expensive proposition at a time when the state doesn't have a whole lot of money to throw around.

There were some notable lapses in the speech, too. Granted, everything on the agenda can't be crammed into a single State of the State speech, nor all of the details of the economic plans, but we would've liked to have heard more about environmental protection. The quality of our forests, our rivers and our lakes contributes just as much to the quality of life here than our manufacturing sector. Michigan isn't called the

Winter Wonderland because of all the factories.

Granholm also lauded her support of cities, too, and the fact that the administration resolved \$4 billion in budget deficits without a general tax increase. It rather goes without saying that those cities she supports have taken their share of that; reduced state shared revenue has put everyone in a tough spot and caused many municipalities to seek the kind of tax increases on a local level that the state didn't ask for on a broad scope.

There were sources for concern, too. She talked of putting politics aside and putting people first while, moments later, she criticized the legislature for not moving fast enough, congratulated several Democratic legislators for their efforts and seemingly ignored the Republicans.

Several times she talked about her desire to fight for the state: fight to keep jobs here, find to bring more in, fight to protect opportunities in education. Sure, everyone likes to think their government will fight for them, but we'd also like to see some more cooperation and collaboration – a little more meat behind the political speeches.

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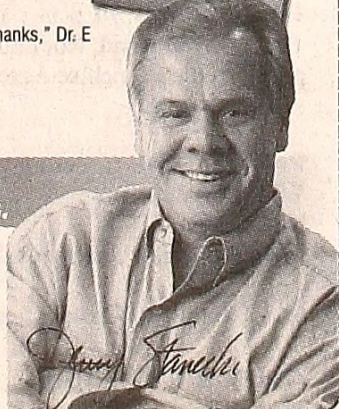
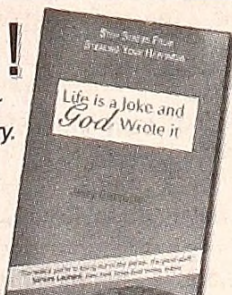
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11111 S. WAYNE ROAD, ROMULUS, MICHIGAN 48174.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro-Tem Randolph Gear.
Present: John Barden, Ellen Craig-Bragg, Leroy Burcroff, Harry Crout, William Crova, Randolph Gear, William Wadsworth.
Administrative Officials in Attendance:
Alan Lambert, Mayor
Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk
Pamela Morrison-Kersey, CMFA, Treasurer

Motion by Crova, supported by Barden to approve the agenda as amended.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

06-006

2. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Burcroff to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held January 3, 2006.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Grout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

06-007

3A1. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Crout to grant cluster Qualification/Special Land Use and Preliminary Cluster Plan approval to PC-2004-048/049; Wellesley Park subject to the following being addressed on plans submitted for preliminary site plan for the condominium:

1. Pockets of wooded areas throughout the development and particularly along the periphery of the lots must be preserved where practical.
2. Additional information on the impacts of the proposed storm water detention on the Trouton Drain be provided;
3. An alternative location for the proposed tot lot/park be considered such as within the center of the looped road opposite lot 36;
4. Formal request for a variance on the proposed lot depth of 120 feet on the four (4) lots do not meet this standard;
5. Combination of lots with City Assessor;
6. Conveyance or other documentation placed in escrow to preserve as dedicated public open space the areas identified on the preliminary cluster plan;
7. Compliance with Orchard, Hiltz, & McCliment, Inc. letter dated January 5, 2006 and Fire Department memo dated December 29, 2005; and
8. Any other conditions by the City Council.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

06-008

3A2. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Bragg to concur with the recommendation of Planning Commission and approve PC-2005-039 by the introduction of an Ordinance to amend the Romulus Code of Ordinances Appendix A, Zoning Article XXVIII, by the addition of Section 28.05 " Conditional Zoning Agreement" pursuant to State Statute, consistent with the recommendation of staff, City Planning Consultant, Langworthy Strader LeBlanc & Associates special legal counsel, O'Connor, DeGrazia, Tamm & O'Connor letter dated November 8, 2005.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

3B. No Action Taken.

06-009

4A. Motion by Crova, supported by Burcroff to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Lonnie Donald.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

4. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Crout to accept the Chairperson's Report.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth. Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

06-010

5A. Motion by Barden, supported by Wadsworth to approve the 2006/2007 Wayne County CDBG Funding allocation and final projects as recommended by Maria Lambert, DDA Director/CDBG Coordinator.

2006 Proposed Projects:		
Activity/Location:	Funding Request:	From Program Income:
Senior Services - Citywide (\$30,000)		\$30,000
Senior Center Construction		
Bond Payment	\$236,000	\$4,400
Administration (10%)-		\$23,600
TOTAL REQUEST:	\$236,000	\$58,000 from P.I.
Housing Rehabilitation Request	\$50,000	
	\$286,000	

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.

Motion Carried Unanimously.

06-011

5B. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Bragg to concur with the Administration and adopt the updated OWI cost recovery fees as presented by Public Safety Director Charles Kirby. Entire list of fees on file in the Clerks office.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Grout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

06-012

5C. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Crout to award Bid 05/06-20, Seven (7) 2006 Ford, Crown Victoria, Police Interceptors to the lowest qualified bidder, Signature Ford at a total cost of \$156,954.00.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion carried Unanimously.

06-013

5D. Motion by Crova, supported by Barden to introduce Budget Amendment 05/06-20:

FUND/DEPT.	CURRENT	AMENDED	
ACCOUNT NO.	BUDGET	AMENDMENT	BUDGET
Community Development Block Grant			
Expenditure			
252-2250-722.85-50 Senior Services05-24-05-A	0	30,600	30,600
252-2250-722.85-53 Senior Services05-24-05A from P.I.	0	4,400	4,400
252-2250-722.85-45 Senior Services 04-24-05A	33,606	(27,865)	5,741
252-2250-722.85-10 Senior Services Soc Sec 04-24-05A	744	(744)	0
252-2250-722.72-20 Senior Services Medicare 04-24-05A	174	(174)	0
252-2250-722.72-80 Senior Services W.C. 04-24-05A	476	(476)	0
Fund Balance			
252-0000-390.00-00 Fund Balance	33,082	(5,741)	27,341

To reallocate CDBG Senior Services & Administration budget from '04 award to '05 award amounts.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

06-014

5E. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Burcroff to introduce Budget Amendment 05/06-21:

FUND/DEPT.	CURRENT	AMENDED	
ACCOUNT NO.	BUDGET	AMENDMENT	BUDGET
Major Roads			
Expenditures:			
202-4210-742.70-20 Salaries & Fringes	145,629	(10,485)	135,144
202-4210-742.71-10 Overtime	30,000	(2,042)	27,958
202-4210-742.72-10 Social Security	11,261	(780)	10,481
202-4210-742.72-20 Medicare	2,632	(182)	2,450
202-4210-742.72-30 Retirement	13,834	(990)	12,844
202-4210-742.72-40 Health Insurance	36,156	(2,714)	33,442
2024210-742.72-50 Dental Insurance	3,193	(157)	3,036
202-4210-742.72-70 Long-Short Term Disab.	1,156	(204)	952
202-4210-742.72.80 Worker's Comp	18,479	(817)	17,662
202-4210-742.74-97 Retiree's Benefits	11,282	(2,565)	8,717
Fund Balance:			
202-0000-390.00-00 Fund Balance	1,648,074	20,937	1,669,011
Local Streets			
Expenditures:			
203-4310-743.70-20 Salaries & Fringes	218,386	(15,728)	202,658
203-4310-743.71-10 Overtime	40,000	(3,063)	36,937
203-4310-743.72-10 Social Security	16,902	(1,170)	15,732
203-4310-743.72-20 Medicare	3,953	(274)	3,679
203-4310-743.72-30 Retirement	20,750	(1,486)	19,264
203-4310-743.72-40 Health Insurance	54,234	(4,072)	50,162
203-4310-743.72-50 Dental Insurance	4,800	(236)	4,564
203-4310-743.72-70 Long Short Term Disab.	1,735	(306)	1,429
203-4310-743.72-80 Worker's Comp	27,486	(1,225)	26,261
203-4310-743.74-97 Retiree's Benefits	16,925	(3,854)	13,071
Fund Balance:			
203-0000-390.00-00 Fund Balance	231,960	31,412	263,372
Motor Vehicle Fund			
Expenditures:			
661-4410-744.70-20 Regular Salaries	303,872	26,213	330,085
661-4410-744.71-10 Overtime	15,000	5,105	20,105
661-4410-744.72-10 Social Security	20,055	1,950	22,005
661-4410-744.72-20 Medicare	4,691	456	5,147
661-4410-744.72-30 Retirement	25,029	2,476	27,505
661-4410-744.72-40 Health Insurance	85,628	6,786	92,414
661-4410-744.72-50 Dental Insurance	7,291	393	7,684
661-4410-744.72-70 Long - Short Term Disab.	2,193	510	2,703
661-4410-744.72-80 Worker's Comp.	15,827	2,042	17,869
661-4410-744.74-97 Retiree's Benefits	19,600	1,691	21,291
Fund Balance:			
661-0000-395.00-00 Retained Earnings	3,106,140	(47,622)	3,058,518

To reallocate 1/2 Roads Foreman to Motor Vehicle Fund to reflect assigned workforce.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

06-015

5F. Motion by Bragg, supported by Barden to schedule a Study Session on February 14, 2006 at 6:30 p.m., in the Romulus City Council Chambers, located at 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan, 48174, for the purpose of discussing the proposed Cable Franchise Agreement

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

06-016

6A1. Motion by Crova, supported by Burcroff to authorize any elected official from

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- 1 bag Dove Brand Dark Chocolate Hearts
- 1 bag Milky Way Brand Minis for Valentine's Day
- 1 cup heavy cream
- Assorted fresh and dried fruits (pineapple, apple, strawberries, grapes)
- Regular-sized marshmallows
- Store-bought cookies

1. In a large microwave-safe bowl, combine chocolate hearts, candy bar minis and heavy cream.
 2. Heat in microwave 3 to 5 minutes, stirring frequently.
 3. Pour warm chocolate mixture into bowl surrounded with fruits, marshmallows and cookies.
 4. Can be made in advance, and re-heated when ready to serve!
- Makes 1 fondue

Tip: For silky smooth chocolate dipping sauce, substitute 1 bag Promises Dark Chocolates for Milky Way Minis for Valentine's Day.

Love Dots

A little love goes a long way ...
and these itty-bitty bites are
no exception!

- 1 bag Dove Brand Dark or Milk Chocolate Hearts
 - 1 1/2 sticks unsalted butter
 - 1/2 cup sugar
 - 1 egg
 - 1 1/3 cups all-purpose flour
 - 2 cups pecans, finely chopped, divided (optional)
 - 28 mini paper cupcake liners
 - Mini muffin pans
1. Preheat oven to 350°F.
 2. Cream butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Mix in egg, and slowly stir in flour and (if desired) 1 cup chopped pecans.
 3. Roll nicely rounded teaspoons of dough into 1 1/4-inch balls; then (if desired) roll balls in remaining pecans.
 4. Line mini muffin pans with liners. Place 1 ball into each cup, and bake until golden (about 12 minutes, or until knife inserted in center comes out clean).
 5. Remove from oven, and place 1 chocolate heart firmly on top of each ball.
 6. Return to oven 3 minutes, remove, and let cool completely.
- Makes 28 mini muffins



FAMILY FEATURES EDITORIAL SYNDICATE

This Valentine's Day, show how much you love and care with handmade treats. Put a smile on someone's face (maybe your elderly neighbor's), warm a heart (your sweetie's) or make your friends and family feel a little happier with delicious chocolate confections you've made in your kitchen. They look and taste wonderful, and they're also easy to make — when you use velvety milk or dark chocolate hearts and colorful, versatile candy-covered chocolates.

Give X's and O's (easy-to-make cookies) to everyone on your Valentine's list. Make miniature "love dot" cupcakes even more special with rich, silky and indulgent chocolate hearts. Whip up everything from heart-shaped "poke-a-dot" cakes to a fun and easy fondue — just plunge, dip, soak or plop everything from strawberries to marshmallows in the luscious, melted chocolate. They're all delicious ways to melt hearts this Valentine's Day.

For more recipes for hand made Valentine's treats and family activities visit www.brightideas.com.

Poke-a-Dot Heart Cake

This sweet cake makes it easy to
have a heart-to-heart-to-heart
with those you love!

- 1 bag M&M'S Brand Milk Chocolate Candies for Valentine's Day
- 2 16-ounce boxes pound cake mix*
- 2 16-ounce cans vanilla frosting, divided
- Red food coloring
- 1 9 x 13-inch pan
- Resealable plastic bag
- Printable template (at www.brightideas.com/valentines/pop_1371.shtml)

1. Preheat oven to 350°F. Grease and flour 9 x 13-inch pan.
 2. Prepare both cake mixes according to package directions. Pour batters into prepared baking pan, and bake 45 to 55 minutes, or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean.
 3. Remove from oven, transfer to wire rack, and let cool completely.
- *For easy cutting, make cake a day before, or place cooled cake in freezer for an hour before cutting. Arrange all three sizes of printed heart templates on cake, and cut out 1 cake of each size.
4. Using red food coloring, tint 1 can vanilla frosting light pink. Spoon 1/2 cup remaining vanilla frosting into resealable plastic bag; set aside.

5. Cover largest and smallest heart cakes with pink frosting; set aside. Cover remaining heart cake with vanilla frosting. Place cakes in freezer 15 minutes before assembling.
 6. Place largest heart cake on serving platter. Top in center with remaining heart cakes. Arrange red M&M'S on outer edges of each cake.
 7. Snip a corner of resealable plastic bag, and randomly pipe dots of frosting all over cakes. Then, place an M&M on top of dot.
- Makes 1 cake

Tip: If tops of cakes are slightly rounded, trim so they are flat!

X's and O's

Hand out X's and O's every day of
the week with these extra special
Valentine's Day cookies!

- 1 bag M&M'S Brand Milk Chocolate Candies for Valentine's Day
- 1 bag peanut butter or sugar cookie mix (approximately 1 pound, 1.5 ounces)
- 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- Red and white tube frosting
- Waxed-paper sheets
- Printable templates (at www.brightideas.com/valentines/pop_1380.shtml) or alphabet cookie cutters in "X's" and "O's"

1. Preheat oven to 375°F.
 2. Prepare cookie mix according to package instructions. Stir in flour and mix until blended.
 3. Roll out dough to 1/4-inch thickness between two waxed paper sheets. Using printed templates or cookie cutters, cut out "X's" and "O's". Transfer cutouts to cookie sheet.
 4. Bake 8 to 10 minutes, remove from oven, and let cool completely.
 5. Frost cookies' tops with red or white frosting, and then decorate with M&M'S.
- Makes 36 cookies



THE SCENE

Nanny McPhee

Film is entertaining for those younger than 10

As the opening scenes of *Nanny McPhee* rolled by, it was eerily familiar:

One couldn't help but be reminded of the reality TV show where the super nanny appears to tame rebellious monster children from hell and educate their clueless parents. By the end of the hour, they all behave like the Cleaver family of *Leave It To Beaver*.

Of course this movie family is in England, there is no mum, and the super nanny is quite different than the one on TV.

There are seven children in the Brown family of the film, ranging in age from preteens to an infant, who have become famous—or infamous—in their corner of England for their ability to torment, harass, and aggravate even the most hard-hearted, experienced nannies into walking right off the job. Since the death of their mother, the tykes have made a game of how quickly they can drive away the person responsible for their care. They are introduced as they try to get rid of yet another nanny, this time by pretending to be cannibalizing their baby sister.

It works. Without a second's hesitation, she quits—and the children are once again left to do exactly as they wish. Tucked amid the various bad behaviors is one that is out-and-out disturbing yet passes without notice by the members of the household: decapitating toys with a model guillotine.

Though the kids are unadulterated brats, it's soon easy to see why. Their father, Cecil Brown (Colin Firth), is consumed by his grief and by his efforts to keep his family together. Unfortunately, his job in the mortuary field isn't enough to support such a large family, so he must stay in the good graces of his rich Great Aunt Adeline (Angela Lansbury) to keep her from stopping the allowance that permits the family to remain intact—and whether he likes it or not, she has decreed that he must marry within the month because his children are too wild without a mother. In the meantime, he remains withdrawn—unable or unwilling to read fairy tales or play games with his kids.

Only one person in the home, the scullery maid Evangeline (Kelly MacDonald), recognizes the bad behaviors for what they are: a way for basically good kids to act out against the loss of their mother and the emotional withdrawal of their father. Then, out of nowhere, Nanny McPhee (Emma Thompson) arrives. Covered in warts with a distended nose, she is the epitome of a storybook witch and comes complete with magical powers. Although she agrees with Evangeline about the situation, she takes a different approach to the situation and gives the children exactly what they want, although, granted, for much longer than they wanted it. If they want a food fight in the kitchen, then by all means, they should have a food fight in the kitchen—a fight they are physically unable to end. And so it goes—each time the children come up with misadventures, they are thwarted as, for the first time since their mother's death, they must cope with the consequences of their behavior.

Nanny McPhee has five missions to accomplish in civilizing her charges, but she's determined that each member of the household from Mr. Brown down to the baby decide for themselves what they would do with their lives. She would no sooner tell her employer that he must spend more time with his kids than tell a 10-year-old rebellious child that he can't act up because she can't force either to obey—that desire must come from within.

As her unusual tactics begin to pay off, the family faces yet another challenge and then must try to decide as a group what they do—and do not—want and what they are willing to do to get it.

Despite the obnoxious opening, the film is essentially a glorified fairy tale. It is simple and predictable—more so than *Mary Poppins*—and yet it still remains charming and a lot of fun. It would make a fun film to watch with the whole family although adults should be warned that it is definitely a film geared for children. Still, who doesn't love a good fairy tale?

The film is rated PG with a running time of about 97 minutes. It is based on the *Nurse Matilda* books by Christianna Brand.

Reviewed By
Meghan Chatham
Staff Writer



Kid's Corner

By Henry Spielman

This movie was OK. It was good in the beginning and at the end, but it got a little boring in the middle.

I liked Nanny McPhee (Emma Thompson, who also wrote the screenplay), too. She would be a good nanny. She had a cane that whenever she hit it on the ground, magic would happen. The food fight at the end was very funny.



THE SCENE

Storm of success

Local author's 16th romance novel to be published this summer

Andrea King
Staff Writer

Belleville author Beverly Jenkins, who defines the niche of 19th Century African-American historical romance novels, will have her 16th novel published this summer.

A sequel to her fourth book, *Through the Storm, Winds of the Storm* takes place in New Orleans and deals with the spy dispatch network of Harriet Tubman during the Civil War.

True to form, the newest book—along with each of her novels—is about a different area of African-American history. Her research and towns where African-Americans lived are always included in the story, according to Jenkins.

"I like to bring the characters to a place where black folks actually walked. There are some great stories," she said. "Many times pictures speak to me, documentaries and sometimes even 'what if' ideas.

"I'm writing some pretty serious stuff that has never been seen," Jenkins added. "It's a great, fun and painless way to teach African-American history, which for me is the most important part."

After 12 historical novels and three contemporary romance books, her fans from all around the world seem to agree. She has received numerous awards, which include Waldenbooks Best Sellers awards, a Golden Pen Award from the Black Writers Guild, a YWCA Women of Achievement Award and other honors from area officials.

Since Jenkins' first book was published in 1994, she has sold more than 1.5 million copies. The ironic part is she never had any aspirations to write professionally, according to Jenkins.

"I started writing in fourth grade for the school newspaper, but I always, always wanted to be a librarian," she said. "This sort of just dropped in my lap."

While Jenkins was working

as a reference librarian for Park Davis, her agent contacted her about a new publishing company that was looking for her specific genre of writing. Shortly after, they read Jenkins'

It was freaky to see that first book published and in Meijer because it was something that I was just working on for myself.

Beverly Jenkins

manuscript and bought the book.

"It was freaky to see that first book published and in Meijer because it was something that I was just working on for myself," said Jenkins.

It took her about 10 years to write the first novel. Now

Jenkins' writes two books a year, but she said it is still hard work.

"To put a 100,000 words in a book and on the page is no easier then when I first started," she said. "The readers want you to write more and faster, but you want quality, not quantity. I'm trying to get better because I don't think you should ever rest on morals with writing."

Future writing plans could also include straight historical novels, Jenkins said.

"I'd like to try that, but I'll always do romance because I like it so much," she said. "Plus, fans are always giving me ideas so if I ever run out, I can just go to them. I'll keep writing, trying to do better at what I'm doing and see what the future holds."

Jenkins added she already has her next book planned, too. It will take place in Detroit and will feature a female agent and a group trying to clean up the city.

She's also keeping her fin-



Beverly Jenkins

gers crossed that someday soon one of her books will be made into a movie.

"I haven't got any movie offers yet, but one of my fans in L.A. gave a few of my books to Jada Pinkett-Smith so we'll see," said Jenkins. "If I had a choice, *Edge of Dawn* would be my pick to turn into a movie and Will Smith would be perfect for the lead male role."

New commission, board members are named by Belleville City Council

Belleville city officials recently appointed three new members to various city boards including the Cemetery Advisory Committee, the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) and the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Toni Clark, a former supervisor of Sumpter Township, was appointed to the Cemetery Advisory Committee. She is currently a real estate agent for Remerica and a certified loan officer for Freedom Equity of Dearborn. Her previous work includes involvement in the Ypsilanti and Belleville Chamber of Commerce, the Belleville Arts

Council and the Friends of the Fred C. Fischer Library. She was also a former deputy clerk of Sumpter and Augusta townships.

A former Belleville city councilmember Kerreen Conley was appointed to the DDA. Conley is currently the director for the Wayne County Facility Management Division. Her previous work includes involvement with the Planning Commission, the Zoning Board of Appeals, and the Historical Board.

Michael Hawkins was appointed to the Zoning Board of Appeals. He is the plant

manager of Fritz Enterprises/Huron Valley Steel.

Belleville also has several vacant seats on other boards and commissions including: the Parks and Recreation Committee, the

Board of Canvassers, the Board of Review and the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority.

For more information, call city hall at (734) 697-9323.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Charter Township of Van Buren Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on **Tuesday, February 14, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.**, in the Board of Trustees Room, 46425 Tyler Road, Charter Township of Van Buren, County of Wayne, Michigan 48111.

The Public Hearing relates to Parcel Number V-125-83-079-03-0036-000; also known as 48991 Paloma Drive. This property is located on the south side of Paloma Drive; between Vista Drive and Sonrisa Street.

The subject site is located within the Charter Township of Van Buren R-1B (Single Family Residential) Zoning District. The applicants, Kevin & Lori Werner, are requesting a variance from the 25-foot rear yard setback to construct an attached deck.

The applicant is requesting the following:

ARTICLE IV SECTION 4.14.C(3)(b).

*25-foot rear yard setback required
19-foot rear yard setback proposed
6-foot variance requested*

Written comments will be accepted at the Department of Developmental Services until 5:00 p.m. on the date of the above reference Public Hearing.

In the spirit of compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals with a disability should feel free to contact the Department of Developmental Services at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance of the meeting, if requesting accommodations.

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the City of Romulus to attend the National League of Cities Congressional Conference in Washington, D.C. on March 11th through the 15th, 2006.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

06-017

6A2. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Wadsworth to schedule a Municipal Finance Workshop January 23, 2006 at 5:30 p.m. in the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan, 48174.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

06-018

11. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Crout to authorize the City Treasurer to disburse funds of Warrant 06-01 in the grand total amount of Three Hundred Ninety Three Thousand, Five Hundred Seventy Five Dollars and Sixty Cents (\$393,575.60).

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Abstain - Crova.
Motion Carried.

12. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Burcroff to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Gear, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

I, Linda R. Choate, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held January 9, 2006.

Linda R. Choate, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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SPORTS

Mustangs' 11-0 start best in school history

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

Northville has had good basketball teams in the past, but no team in its 141-year history has started out 11-0.

Until this year:

The Mustangs are still hanging around as one of the four remaining undefeated basketball teams in the state. It's the school's best start in basketball since the first game was played in 1865.

"I don't know how long it has been, but we're excited to be in the company of some good teams through the school's history," said Northville Coach Darrell Schumacher. "The best team I can remember was back in '72, '73 or '74. I don't remember the exact year, but the team went 17-1. They ran the table but lost in the district tournament.

"It's exciting to be where we are, but we have a long way to go," he added. "It's not easy to go undefeated in basketball. Every game is harder than the one before and now we have a bull's eye on our backs."

Livonia Stevenson was the lat-

est team to fall to the 'Stangs. The win wasn't as easy as the 61-43 score might suggest.

The Mustangs found themselves trailing through the first half in the home contest Friday night.

Northville junior co-captain Alvin Storrs started the scoring with a triple. After that both teams struggled with the fast tempo of the game. At the 3:40 mark, Storrs tipped an inbound Spartan pass to teammate Nick Kaldis, who returned it to Storrs for a fast break basket. Then, 20 seconds later, Kaldis stuffed Stevenson junior Luke Knochel's shot and brought the crowd to its feet. But at the end of the first period, Northville trailed, 14-13.

Turnovers got the best of the Mustangs in the second frame. Stevenson took advantage of them and went on an 8-0 tear, extending their lead, 22-13.

Northville's drought lasted through to the 3:37 mark until senior co-captain Chris Lorente nailed a basket. The teams traded scores the rest of the way with Stevenson taking a 30-22 advantage into the locker room at the

half.

Schumacher must have given an inspiring half-time talk because the 'Stangs came out after the intermission and held the Spartans scoreless in the third quarter.

Northville scored 20 points in the session led by Lorente, who started the period with a steal and triple. Then another steal led to a Brandon Barkoski layup that cut the Spartans' lead to 30-27 at the 5:55 mark. Lorente nailed another triple to knot the game at 30 with about 5:06 left to play. Senior Campy Smith drained two triples at 1:15 and with 37 seconds left to help 'Stangs overtake the lead, 42-30, at the end of the period.

Storrs put an exclamation point on the night when he opened the fourth quarter with a slam-dunk.

Stevenson didn't score until the 6:51 mark of the fourth when Knochel hit three from the charity stripe after being fouled. But it was too late as the game was practically over.

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Northville junior Alvin Storrs goes up for two of his game-high 22 points against Livonia Stevenson on Friday. Photo by Lynn Kirkpatrick

Chiefs beat Churchill, Franklin

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

Canton dominated the Livonia circuit on the hardwood last week with victories against Churchill and Franklin.

The Chiefs have won three of their last four games and have boosted their overall record to 8-3. They're 4-1 in the conference and undefeated (2-0) in their division.

A quick start Friday night at Franklin earned them a 63-42 victory against the Patriots (6-5, 3-2).

Canton led, 20-8, after the first period and carried a 40-11 lead into halftime.

"We were 7-3 and not a real impressive 7-3," said Canton Coach Charlie Paye. "To be up 40-11 at the half was a little surprising, because I thought Franklin was going to be one of the top teams in the conference. So I think we had a pretty good half."

"(Franklin) seemed to come out a little flat," he added. "Hopefully we contributed to that; we moved the ball very well against them."

Canton had a pretty good second half, too.

The Chief's again outplayed the Patriots in the third, outscoring them, 17-15, for a 57-26 lead. Franklin finished strong, scoring 16 to Canton's six, but it was too little, too late for the Patriots.

Junior center Ryan Waidmann and senior forward Andy Larsen each knocked down 19 points. Larsen led the team on the boards, securing eight rebounds. Waidmann nabbed six.

Senior forward Andre Bridges nailed 11 points and had four

assists on the night. Steve Paye added six points with eight assists.

Charlie Paye was pleased with the team effort, which included 24 total assists.

"I've said before that we are a much better team when we spread the ball around," he said. "I think that's something the kids are really buying into."

Canton moved the ball well against Churchill last Tuesday and earned a 51-35 win at home.

It was Churchill that jumped out to the early lead, however. At the end of the first quarter the Chargers had a 9-6 advantage. Canton bounced back with a 14-point second quarter to exchange leads with Churchill. At the half the Chiefs controlled the game with a 20-15 advantage.

The second half was different story, though. Canton routed Churchill, 31-20, in the final two quarters.

"Churchill is a good, competitive team but they go in droughts where they don't score," Paye said. "It was a good game for us because everybody got in the game and had a chance to play."

Waidmann led the team with 15 points and six rebounds. Steve Paye added 13 points and contributed three assists. Senior guard Rob Eppler hit for seven and grabbed six rebounds. Bridges had five points and five rebounds.

Canton hits the Wayne-Westland circuit this week. They traveled to Wayne on Tuesday for a tip-off against the Zebras, but the results were not available at press time. They host John Glenn at 7 p.m. tomorrow.



Bring it on

Plymouth Varsity Saberettes recently participated in the Pom Regional Competition at Churchill High School and, with a stellar performance, qualified for States Competition at Eastern Michigan University on Feb. 21.

Whalers fall to 2nd with 5-game slide

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

The Plymouth Whalers lost their fifth straight game on Saturday. They've lost seven of their last eight.

The slide consisted of two losses to West division and interstate rivals Saginaw—one on Saturday and one last Thursday. With the streak, the Whalers (23-21-1-3) relinquished the lead in the division to the Spirit (26-20-0-0) and now trail three points in the race for a division title.

Plymouth has only scored five goals in the five-game slip.

On Saturday, Saginaw's spe-

cial teams proved to be too much for the Plymouth to handle. The Spirit scored three power-play goals and a short-handed tally en route to a 5-1 victory at Compuware Sports Arena in Plymouth Township.

Goaltending was another key component for the spirited victory.

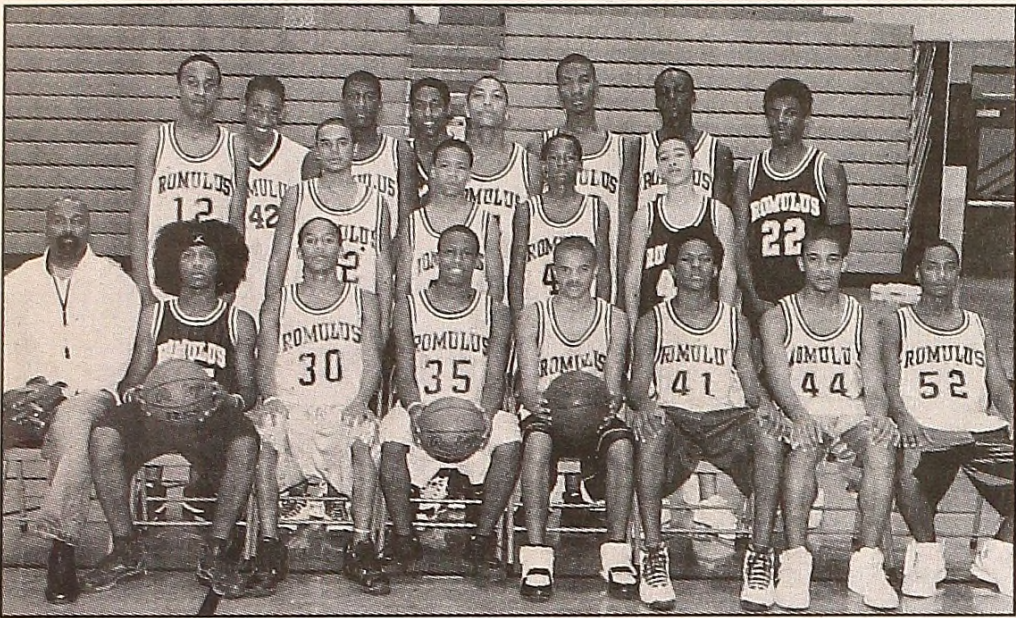
Saginaw net-minder Francois Thuot was tough between the pipes for the second consecutive game against Plymouth. Thuot stopped 39 of 40 shots. He also earned a shutout Thursday night in a 3-0 victory over the Whalers in a game played at Dow Event Center in Saginaw.

On offense Ryan McDonough led the Saginaw attack with two power-play goals. He's leading the Spirit in scoring with 27 goals and 38 assists for 65 points in 46 games. Tom Pyatt scored a goal and notched two assists. Jesse Gimblett added a power-play goal and an assist. Garrett Sinfield scored the shorthanded goal for Saginaw, his second of the season.

Gino Pisellini scored the lone Plymouth goal, his 13th of the season, on a power play in the third period.

Saginaw led 2-0 after one period of play on power play

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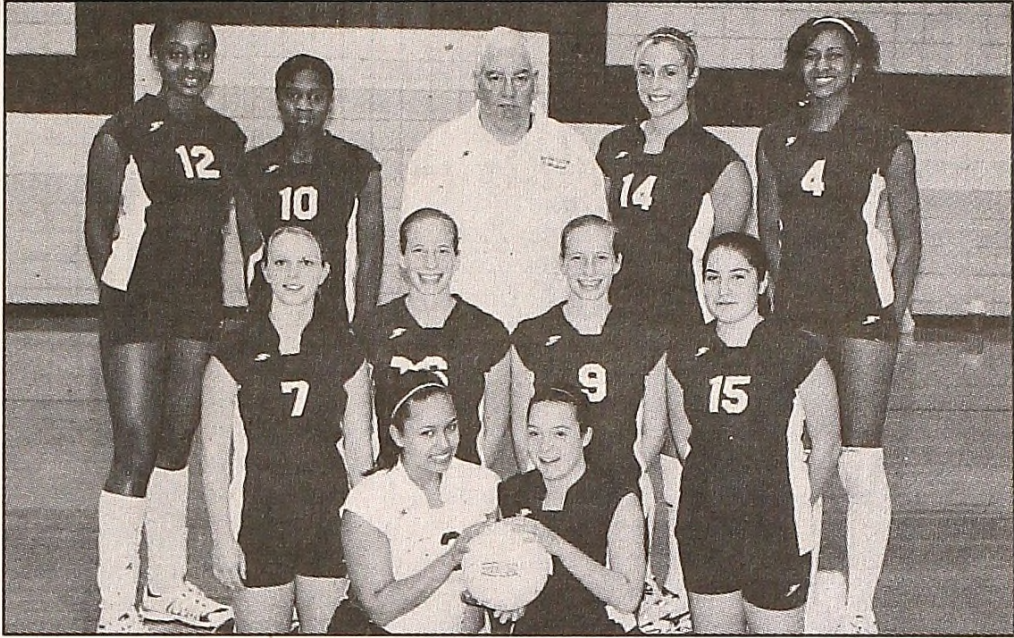


Eagles fly high

Romulus hoops, volleyball off to good start

The Romulus High School freshman basketball team (left) is off to an excellent 11-0 start under the guidance of Coach Avery Taylor. The closest any opponent has come so far this season was 20 points with others being 30, 40 and as much as 50. The team includes (first row): Taylor; Darius Ellis, Demetrius Price, Kevin Brown, Ron Kersey, Cody Barnes, Rodney Cofield and Loran Townes; (second row): Tim Dalton, Josh Horn, Mike Darius and James Welton; (third row): Abia Emanuel, Gavar Long, Donnavin Searcy, Dion Shepherd, Derek Kinney, Chris Flint, Ken Shabola and Dale Jackson.

The Lady Eagles varsity volleyball team (right), led by Coach Harry Hunter (center), was a perfect 8-0 in pool play and finished fourth place overall in the team's recent varsity invitational tournament. The team consists of (first row): Aleshia Wyatt and Jennifer Hunter; (second row): Courtney Turner, Jessica Dick, Jennifer Dick and Joy Jendritz (third row): Yetty Emanuel, Landria Buckley, Lindsay Beresgasy and Alysa Long.

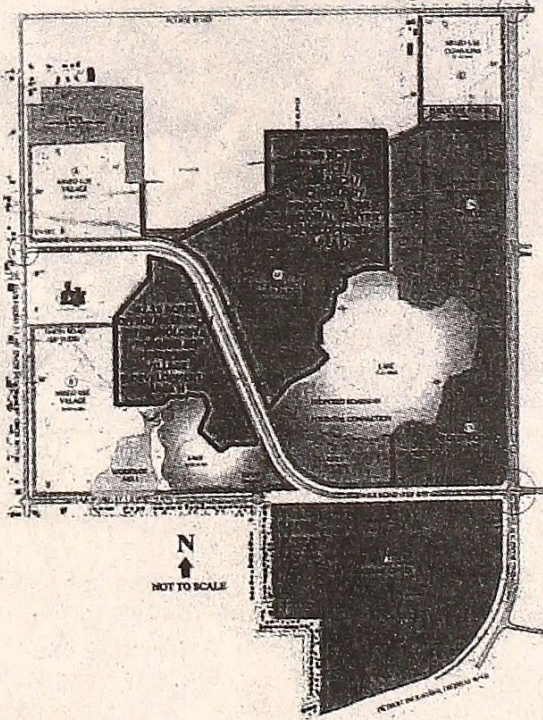


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CITY OF ROMULUS PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING MATERIAL MODIFICATION METRO WORLD CENTRE PLANNED DEVELOPMENT AREA WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

Pursuant to Michigan Public Act 207 of 1921, as amended (The City and Village Zoning Act), and the Metro World Centre Planned Development Agreement notice is hereby given that the City of Romulus will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 22, 2006 for the purpose of considering a Material Modification to the Metro World Centre Planned Development Area and Agreement. The public hearing will be held at the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne, Romulus MI 48174-1485.

The Planning Commission has set the public hearing to consider a Material Modification to the Metro World Centre Planned Development Area and Agreement. The proposal is for a change of designation of approximately 93.28+/- acres of Development Area D, Office Research and Technology to Regional Center and the change of designation of approximately 42.15+/- acres of Development D Area, Office Research and Technology to Development Area H, Mixed Use Village. The proposal also includes amendments to the written agreement to implement the change of designations on this property. The property is located on the west side of Vining Road between 1-94 and Ecorse Roads and contains the following parcels: DP#'s 82-80-033-99-0012-000, 82-80-033-99-0006-703, 82-80-034-99-0007-000, 82-80-034-99-0006-000, 82-80-036-99-0005-701, 82-80-036-99-0001-000, 82-80-033-99-0011-000, 82-80-034-99-0007-000, 82-800-34-99-0006-000, 82-80-034-99-0005-701, 82-80-035-99-0003-000, 82-80-035-99-0006-701.



Copies of the application for Material Modification including the concept plan and proposed agreement amendments are available for review at City Hall during regular business hours.

All interested parties are encouraged to attend and will be given an opportunity to comment on said request. Written comments may be submitted until 12:00 noon, Wednesday, February 22, 2006, and should be addressed to Cynthia I. Lyon, AICP, City Planner, Economic Development Department, 11111 Wayne, Romulus, MI 48174-1485.

Linda R. Choate, CMC,
City Clerk City of Romulus, Michigan

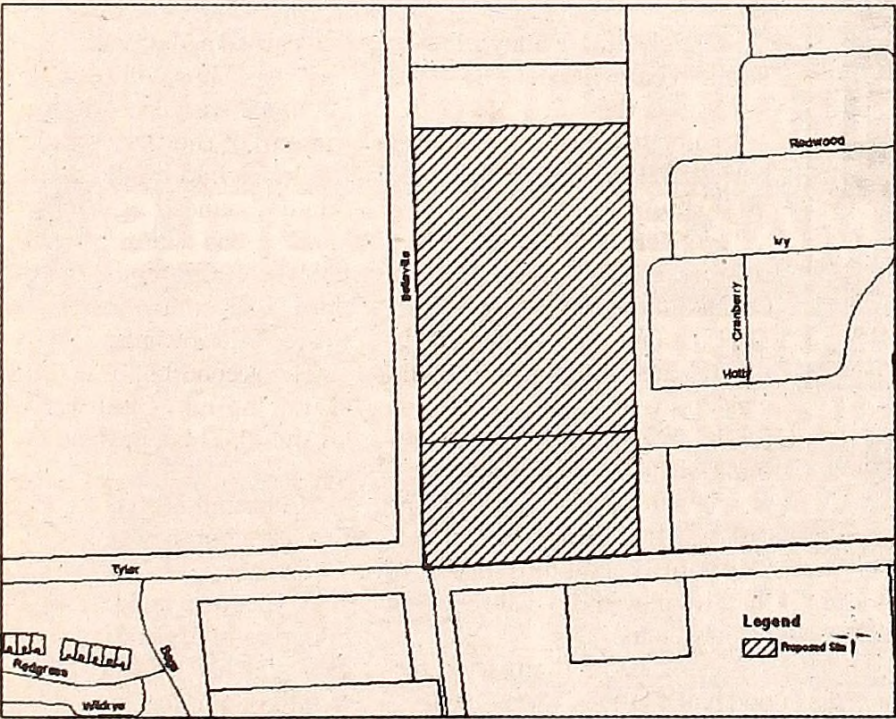
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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Charter Township of Van Buren Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, February 8, 2006 at 7:30 p.m., in the Board of Trustees Room, 46425 Tyler Road, Charter Township of Van Buren, Wayne County, Michigan.

The Public Hearing relates to the following described property:

Parcel number V125-83-039-99-0009-715 and V125-83-039-99-0009-716 approximately 11.08 acres is located on the east side of Belleville Road on the NE Corner of Belleville & Tyler Road. A map indicating the location of the subject site is included below:



The applicant is requesting special use approval. A special use approval is required for an auto dealership in accordance with Section 12.03(d) of the Zoning Ordinance. Written comments will be accepted at the Department of Developmental Services until 5:00p.m., February 8, 2006.

In the spirit of compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals with a disability should feel free to contact the Department of Developmental Services at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance of the meeting, if requesting accommodations.

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SPORTS

Whalers

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goals by McDonough at 7:09 and Gimblett at 14:38. After a scoreless second period, Saginaw broke the game open to lead 5-0 in the third period. McDonough scored his second power-play mark just 25 seconds into the period. Pyatt, at 5:34, scored the game's only even-strength goal and Sinfield scored Saginaw's final point at 8:41.

Pisellini ruined Thout's chance of back-to-back shutouts against the Whalers with a power-play goal at 9:36. He knocked the puck in after Thout gave up a rebound from Steve Ward's shot from the right point.

Thout was solid in Saginaw last Thursday against Plymouth. In that contest he stopped 39 shots—18 of them in the second period—to lead the Spirit to a 3-0 shutout.

Saginaw captain Patrick

McNeill recorded three assists in the win.

Saginaw got one goal in each period. Michal Birner scored his 21 of the season at 16:44 of the first period on a 4-on-3 power play. Former Whaler Vaclav Meidl earned the assist on the play.

McDonough's goal beat Plymouth goalie Justin Peters at 10:25 of the second period. Pyatt's goal came on another power play at 6:17 of the third period when he one-timed a shot from the slot.

Plymouth will try to turn things around in the upcoming weeks.

It won't be easy as they start the month of February with a five game road trip against Kingston (7:30 pm on Feb. 3), Belleville (7:15 pm on Feb. 4), Ottawa (2 p.m. on Feb. 5), Windsor (7:30 pm on Feb. 9) and London (7:30 pm on Feb. 10). The Whalers' next home game will be at 7:30 pm on Saturday, Feb. 11.

Collins surgery successful, full recovery expected

Whalers' right wing Dan Collins underwent successful surgery last week to repair a disk problem in his back. Collins is the Whalers' leading goal-scorer with 26 goals to go with 23 assists for 49 points in 44 games this season. He is expected to make a full recovery and could be back later this season.

Collins is in his third season for the Whalers and was selected in the 3rd round (90th overall) by the Florida Panthers in last summer's National Hockey League Entry Draft.

Anyone wanting to send emails wishing Dan a speedy recovery can send them to frontoffice@plymouthwhalers.com. Cards can be dropped off at the Compuware Sports Arena or sent to: Compuware Sports Arena, 14900 Beck Road, Plymouth, MI 48170.



Northville players surround teammate Campy Smith (No. 4) as they celebrate his game-winning shot at Walled Lake Western last Tuesday. Photo by Alex Manor

Mustangs

FROM PAGE 10

Northville controlled play the rest of the way and walked away with the 61-43 victory.

We struggled in the first half," Schumacher said. "It was one of those nights where everything started out wrong, missing layups and not playing our normal defense

"I have to give credit where credit is due," he added. "Stevenson played really well in the first half, playing a zone that we weren't expecting. In the third our defense caused some turnovers and we went on a 20-0 run and took control from that

point."

Storrs led all scorers with 22 points, including an impressive 8-of-10 from the line. Lorente added 14 and Smith 11.

Knochel led Stevenson with 15.

Northville heads to Wayne at 7 p.m. on Friday.

Northville 47, Western 45

For the second time this season Smith has won the game at the buzzer for Northville.

Last Tuesday, at Walled Lake Western, Smith knocked down a triple at the buzzer to win the game, 47-45.

Northville led 10-8 after the first quarter and extended the lead to 20-14 at the half. They hung on to a seven-point lead, 40-33, at the end of three.

Western didn't give in the fourth. Senior Mike Roberts nailed consecutive triples to cut into the lead, 44-40, with 3:37 left to play. Then, at the 2:25 mark, Evan Onder stole the ball and made a layup. He drew the foul and made the shot, too, and the extra point tied the game at 44. Onder split a pair from the line with 21 seconds left to give Western a 45-44 lead. With 12 seconds left, Storrs drove the lane but the Warriors' defense collapsed around him. He dumped the ball out to Smith who lofted the game-winning triple.

Storrs led the team with 16. Lorente added 14 and Smith hit for nine—all on triples.

Northville held Western's Denard Branch to just 16.

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1. Obituaries

COFIELD, Valerie, age 54 of Romulus, MI, passed away Wednesday, January 25, 2006. She was born August 14, 1951 in Ypsilanti, the daughter of Willie F. and Johnnie (Coles) Cofield Sr. Valerie was a member of New Birth Baptist Church and was a bus driver for Romulus Community Schools. Survivors include: one daughter, Gloria Cofield of Romulus; two sons, Shawn Cofield of Southfield and Rufus (Shenika) Cofield for GA; six sisters, five brothers, five grandchildren; her loving companion, Rufus Reeves Sr, of Romulus; and a host of uncles, aunts, cousins, nieces, nephews and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents and one brother, Gary Keith. Funeral services were held Wednesday, February 1, 2006 at new Birth Baptist Church. Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Stark Funeral Service of Ypsilanti, MI with interment in United Memorial Gardens.

KING, Corlis A. Age 85 of Romulus, MI, died Monday, January 30, 2006. Corlis was born January 31, 1920, the dear son of the late Corliss A. and Phoebe (Aldrich) King. Beloved husband of nearly 59 years to Beryl E. (Davidson) King., and dear father of three sons, David (Charlotte) King of Belleville, MI, Howard (Elizabeth) King of Memphis, TN, and Daniel King of Romulus. Mr. King is preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, Jack and Frank, and two sisters, Ruth and Hope. He is survived by 7 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren. Mr. King proudly served his country in the U.S. Coast Guard during WWII. He enjoyed fixing things, building model airplanes, electronics, gardening and watching the birds. He was a very friendly person who enjoyed visiting his neighbors in the nursing home down the street. Funeral services were held Wednesday, February 1, 2006 at David C. Brown Funeral Home with Pastor Richard A. Ostella officiating. Entombment at Christian Memorial Cemetery in Rochester Hills, MI. The family requests that any memorial contributions be made to The American Diabetes Association. Arrangements by David C. Brown Funeral Home of Belleville, MI.

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59. Auctions

Notice is hereby given that on March 10, 2006 at 1:30 PM, the following will be sold by competitive bidding at:

57. Antiques

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Unit #164-Kolleen Koc Tires, fans, mattresses

Unit #24 Daniel Graham Refrigerator, table, chairs, speakers, mattresses, misc. household items, small trampoline

Unit #218-Theoplis Ball Tires, sofa, love seat, ladders, hand tools, shop vac, mini fridge, night stand, weight bench w/bar, car battery

Unit #215 Brenda McBride-Cloutier Lawn mower, bike, spreader, record albums, snow blower, ladder, floor jack, turkey fryer, tool boxes

Unit #160 John Lee Marran Stools, fishing rods, household items, chairs, clothes, bed frame, tables

Unit #114 Cleotis Broadnax Microwave, tool box, bike, clothes, misc. boxes

Unit #127 Eugene Tompkins, Jr. Dryer, hand tools, propane tank, end table, tool box, window a/c, tools

Unit #102 Ronald Worley Dryer, microwave, TV, stroller, boom box, toys, misc. household

Unit #101 Dorothea Cole Clothes, boxes

Unit #B90 Bianca U. Clayborn Crib mattress, bed, misc. household

Unit #76-James Bond Running boards, baby bouncer, baby swing

Unit #35 Jozette M. Underwood Washer, dresser, mattress, box spring, chairs, misc. boxes

Unit #19 Daniel Graham Chairs, ladder, table top, washer, dryer, lamps, boat motor, tools, camping equipment, fishing poles, misc. household

Unit #18 Dwane D. Young Refrigerator/freezer, electric stove, gas stove

Unit #233 Edna L. Smith-Gordon Mattress, luggage, picture, chair, tables, fan, book case, sofa, misc. household, boxes

Unit #37 Gregory A. Rakowski Tires, engine lift, axel, transmission, car engine, small engine, misc. car parts

Unit #A90 Sarah Berry-Hill Bike, table, chest, radio bug shield

Unit #123 Norman V. Underwood Dresser, table, fan, dog cage, bed frame

Unit #232 Price Flemming Couch, mattress, desk, table top, punching bag, hutch, picture

Notice is hereby given that on 2/23/06 at 1:30 PM, the following will be sold by competitive bidding at: The Storoom Self Storage 40600 Michigan Ave. Canton, MI

Unit #942 Joanne Garris 7 Hshld. furnishings 4 Misc. hshld. goods 3 clothing 30 Misc. boxes/bags 6 Hand tools 4 Recreation equip. 5 Other misc. items

Unit #804 Wesley Gaines 2 Hshld. furnishings

Unit #303A Kevin Jensen 1 Misc. small appliance 7 Hshld. furnishings 4 Misc. hshld. goods 2 Office equipment

Unit #630 Patricia Hootman 5 Hshld. furnishings 5 Misc. hshld. goods 20 Misc. boxes/bags 5 Toys, 2 hand tools 3 Recreational equip. 4 Lawn care equip. 5 Other misc. items

Unit #844 Thomas Boyd 1 Misc. small appliance 10 Hshld. furnishings 8 Misc. hshld. goods

15 Misc. boxes/bags 8 Hand tools 2 Lawn care equip. 6 Other misc. items

Unit #1411 S&J Heating & Cooling Inc. Duct fitting Copper tubing Copper pipe Duct pipe, black pipe 15 Hand tools

Unit #1118 George Ramey 1 Misc. small appliance 3 Hshld. furnishings 20 Misc. boxes/bags 15 Clothing 10 Recreation equip. 10 Other misc. items

Unit #1020 Raeanna Bruett 2 Patio chair

Unit #1217 Charles P. Linton 10 Hshld. furnishings 4 Misc. hshld. goods 20 Misc. boxes/bags 1 Toys, 20 hand tools 20 Other misc. items 80 Record albums

Unit #1009B Christopher Leeny 2 Hshld. furnishings 2 Misc. hshld. goods 1 Misc. boxes/bags 1 Recreation equip. 1 Rolling Tool Chest 2 Hand tools

Unit #105A Terrance Tucker Jr. 50 Misc. boxes/bags 1 Hand tools, 4 tires/rims

PUBLIC AUCTION Sunday, Feb. 12, 10:00AM Fort Knox Self Storage 39205 Ford Rd., Westland (734) 981-0700 www.fortknoxmi.com

In order to satisfy liens for unpaid rent, Fort Knox Storage, in accordance with Michigan law, will sell to the highest cash bidder, the entire contents of each of the following storage units. All units contain common household goods unless otherwise noted:

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CITY OF WESTLAND
NOTICE OF PUBLIC
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On FEBRUARY 7, 2006 the Westland Police Department will conduct public auctions of impounded abandoned vehicles. The auction will begin promptly at 11:00am at Westland Car Care, 6375 Hix Rd., Westland, MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

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1G3HN14C9KW350516

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2 Dr Red
1G1JC1240SM110505

1995 Saturn SC1
2 Dr Red
1G8ZF1283SZ149784

1995 Jaguar XJS
2 Dr (Conv) White/Tan
SAJNX2743SC197819

1991 Plymouth Voyager
StWgn White
2P4GH55R2MR241223

1995 Chevy Cavalier
4 Dr Blue
1G1JC5243S7223953

All vehicles are sold in "as is" condition. Bidding on all vehicles will start at the amount due for towing and storage. Vehicles may be deleted from this list at any time prior to the start of the auction.

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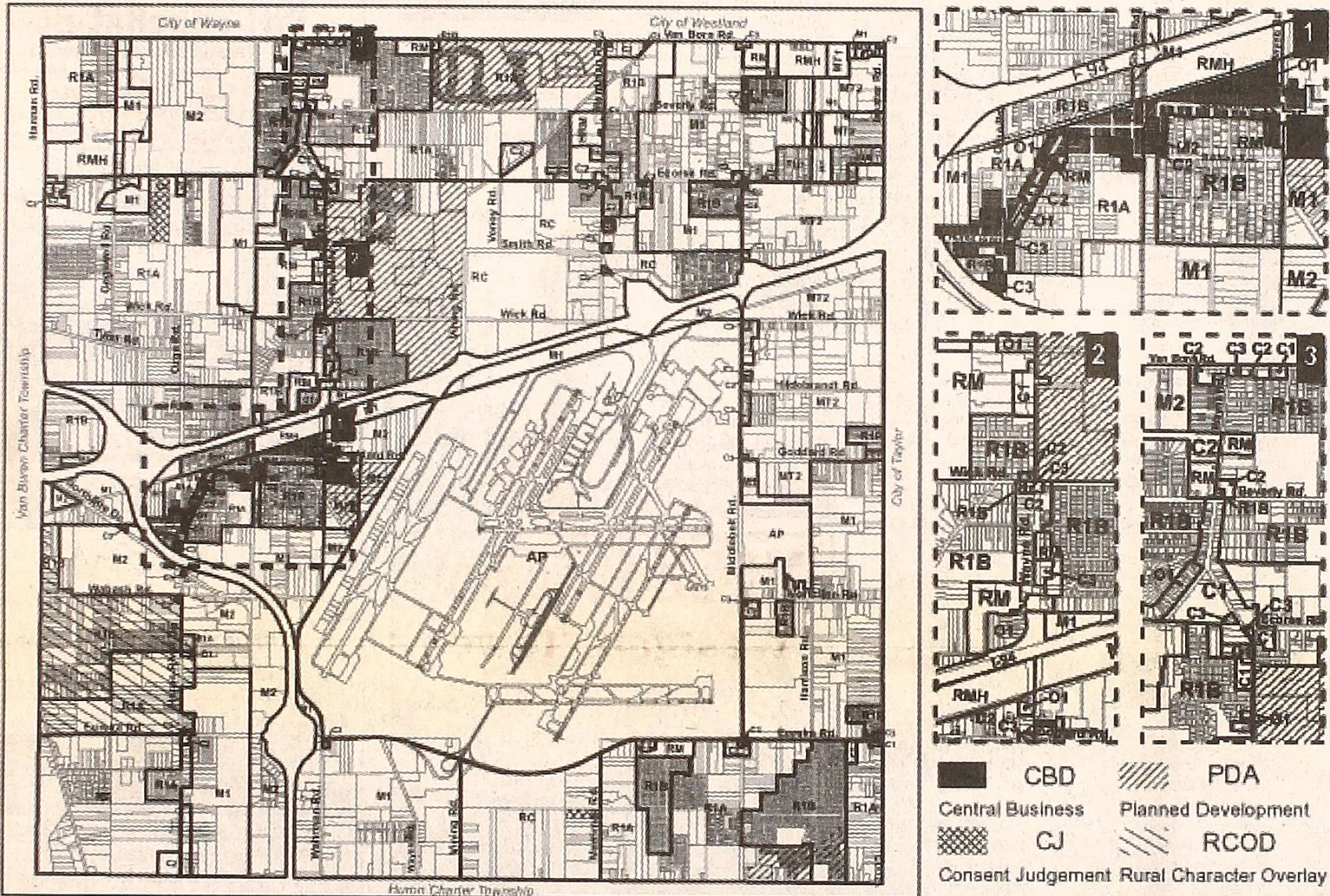
CITY OF ROMULUS
PLANNING COMMISSION
PUBLIC HEARING ON RE-CERTIFICATION OF THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP

Pursuant to Michigan Public Act 207 of 1921, as amended (the City and Village Zoning Act), notice is hereby given that Planning Commission will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday February 22, 2006 for the purpose of considering adoption of a new Official Zoning Map for the entire City of Romulus. The public hearing will be held at the Romulus City Hall located at 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174. The purpose of the public hearing is to explain the proposed new Zoning Map and receive public comment on the proposed map. All interested parties are welcome to attend and present their comments.

The existing Zoning Map and the proposed new Zoning Map are shown below. A copy of the new Zoning Map is also available for review at the Romulus Planning Department during regular business hours of Monday thru Friday 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Written comments concerning the proposed new Zoning Map may be submitted to the attention of the Romulus Planning Department at the City Hall address prior to the hearing and will be made part of the official record. All minutes of meetings are available at the City Clerk's office.

All interested parties are encouraged to attend and will be given an opportunity to comment on said request. Written comments may be submitted until 12:00 noon, Wednesday, February 22, 2006, and should be addressed to Cynthia I. Lyon, AICP, City Planner, Economic Development Department, 11111 Wayne, Romulus, MI 48174-1485.

Linda R. Choate, CMC, City Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan



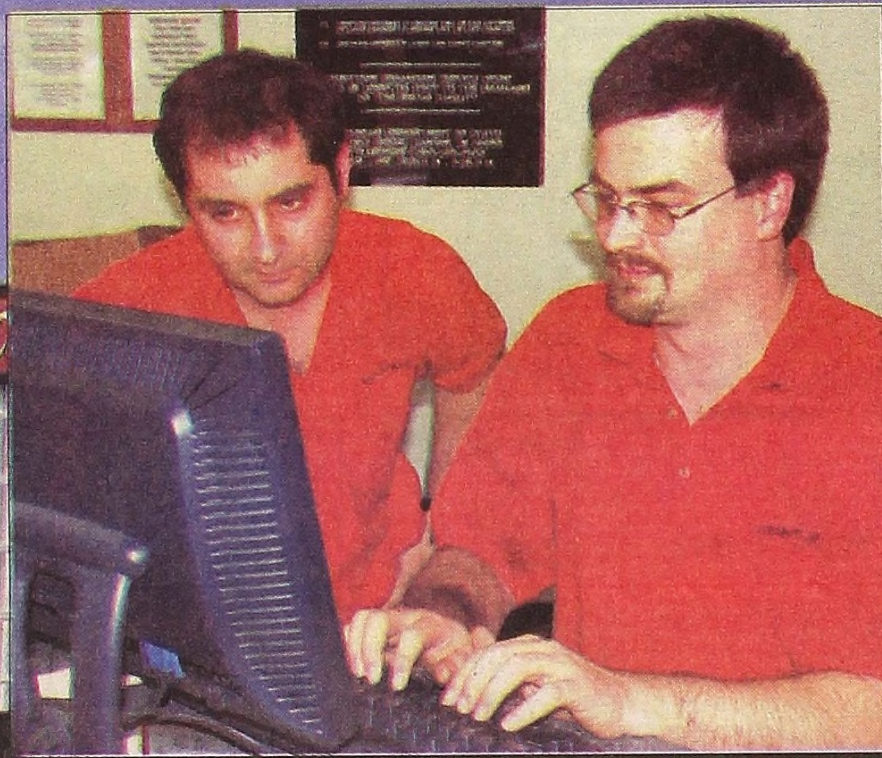


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